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**Members Present:** Barbara Abercrombie, Ana Ayala, Jeremy Battjes, Denise Bignar, Kelly Carter, Mary Coonley, Elizabeth Cunningham, Angela Davis, Lonnie Deavens, Cosmo Denger, Andy Gilbride, Melynda Hart, Roy Hatcher, Natalie Kramer, Jeremy McAtee, Ryan Miller, Chris Nixon, Sarah O'Brien, Roman Ruiz, Sue Donohue Smith, Eric Specking, Lisa Turner, Eric Vaught, Trish Watkins

**Members Absent:** Stephanie Adams, Donnie Blagg, J'onnelle Colbert-Diaz, Heather England, Lisa Frye, Kabrina Gardner, Michael Gibbs, Eve Owens, Autumn Parker, Henry Rowe

- I. The meeting was called to order by chair, Jeremy Battjes at 9:32 a.m.
- II. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adopt the agenda as presented.
- III. Roll Call – Sarah O'Brien
- IV. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the meeting minutes with spelling and corrections.
- V. Update on Maternity/Paternity Leave Policy and Short Term Disability – Barbara Abercrombie; Barbara gave an update on the Maternity/Paternity Leave Policy and Short Term Disability. In the Short Term Disability policy the University will pay 60% of the weekly salary up to \$30,000 a year. Employees on this policy will have the opportunity to purchase additional coverage. Chancellor Gearhart and Dr. Pederson would like feedback from Staff Senate before moving forward with this policy. After discussion, Staff Senate has agreed to discuss this policy in January's meeting to provide feedback.
- VI. Committee Reports
  - a. EOQ – Kelly Carter; Nominations for Employee of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter will open on December 18, 2012 and will close on January 15, 2013.
  - b. Awards – Denise Bignar; Nominations for the Team Award will be open from December 17, 2012 through January 18, 2013.
- VII. Around the Senate

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Davis